

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title:

CORPORATE RATING SYSTEM AND CORPORATE RATING

METHOD

Appl. No.:

09/842,654

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Examiner:

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Art Unit:

3693

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

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1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)								
	a.	Previously submitted:							
	[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on							
	[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.							
	[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on							
	b.	Enclosed are:							
	[X]	Credit Card Payment Form.							
	[X]	Amendment Accompanying RCE.	12/29/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000089 09842654						
	[]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).	01 FC:1801 02 FC:1252	790.00 OP 450.00 OP					
	[]	Information Disclosure Statement.							
	[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).							
Misce	llaneous:	:							
	ſĵ	Suspension of action of the above-identific	ed application is requested under 37	7 C.F.R.					

§ 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Pr Fe	reviously Paid or		Extra Claims Present	Rate			Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	= -	\$790.00
Total Claims:	9	-	20	==	0	x	\$50.00	= _	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	7	=	0	x	\$200.00	= _	\$0.00
•		Firs	t presentation	of any Mi	Iltiple Dependent Claims:	+	\$360.00	= _	\$0.00
			•	•	-	CLAIMS FE	E TOTAL:	= -	\$790.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
[X]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450,00		\$450.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
		EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$450.00
	E	XTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-	\$0.00
		EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$450.00
	CLAIM	IS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1240.00
[]	Small Enti	ity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
[]	Suspension of action a	requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
		TOTAL FEE:		\$1240.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1240.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 28 2006

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